

County of Santa Rosa

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis (Greek and Latin words meaning “grave muscle weakness”) is a chronic, autoimmune, neuromuscular disease which affects an estimated 14 out of every 100,000 individuals, without regard to race, age, sex or economic background. It is probable, however, that Myasthenia Gravis is under diagnosed or misdiagnosed and the prevalence may be higher; and

WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis is characterized by a fluctuating weakness of the voluntary muscle groups with symptoms including blurred and double vision, loss of balance, slurred speech, difficulty in walking, swallowing, chewing and breathing. The weakness increases with continued activity with the muscle distribution and degree of weakness varying from myasthenic to myasthenic; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for Myasthenia Gravis, but there are effective treatments that allow many, but not all, people with Myasthenia Gravis to lead full lives; and

WHEREAS, there is much that can be done, and still much to understand. Research plays an important role in finding new answers and treatments for Myasthenia Gravis; and

WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. along with its local chapters, seeks to assist those suffering with Myasthenia Gravis and to increase awareness of this formerly fatal and crippling disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Rosa County Commission, does hereby proclaim the month of June 2008 as

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the County of Santa Rosa and encourages all citizens to join in an attempt to focus attention on the need for education, treatment, research and ultimately a cure for this as yet incurable disease.



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John Broxson, Chairman